

## **NIOSH PPT Program Evidence Package Aug 30, 2007**

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#### **Letters to Manufacturers**

Appendix P provides a listing of PPT program letters to respirator manufacturers. These letters, listed chronologically, are typically issued by the respirator certification activity. The letters are used as a means of communicating PPT Program meeting announcements and other respirator certification announcements including new policy and policy change notices. The listing covers the period from 2001 through the present.

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Date	Subject	Outcome
27-Feb-07	Respirator Manufacturers Meeting April 10th, 11th, and 12th, 2007	Discuss standard test and application procedures and LTFE, etc.
8-Dec-06	NIOSH NPPTL and NFPA Joint Approval Process for NFPA 1981 2002 Edition Respirator Approvals	The combined effect of these two standards is NFPA compliance and NIOSH CBRN compliance approvals must be issued jointly.
20-Oct-06	Time extension to submit comments on the Closed-Circuit Escape Respirators (CCER) Concept Requirements	Interested persons or organizations are invited to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written views, arguments, recommendations, and data.
6-Oct-06	Voluntary Program for Acceptance of Applications for the Testing and Evaluation of Powered Air-Purifying Respirators (PAPR or PAPRS) for Use Against Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Agents	To be approved for use in providing protection against CBRN agents, NIOSH has determined that a PAPR must be evaluated against the criteria defined in the Statement of Standard for Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Powered Air- Purifying Respirator (PAPR ) dated October 6, 2006.
6-Oct-06	CBRN Combination SCBA and CBRN Supplied Air respirator concepts	Because of the diversity of designs and configurations possible, NIOSH has decided to proceed with the process in phases rather than attempt a global change for all possible combinations and supplied air systems
2-Oct-06	NIOSH Policy for Respirator Sealing Surfaces and Facial Hair	It has been brought to the attention of NIOSH through phone calls and emails from respirator users and manufacturers that some respirator manufacturers may not understand what NIOSH defines as the sealing surface for respirators and consequently are inappropriately marketing respirators for users with facial hair.
<b>FY 2007</b>	<b># Issued = 6</b>	
21-Aug-06	Closed Circuit Escape Respirator (CCER) Public Meetings	The meetings are being held to provide an opportunity for an exchange of information between NIOSH and MSHA with respirator manufacturers, industry representatives, labor representatives, and others with an interest in respiratory protection.
14-Aug-06	National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory Public Meeting	New programs for the approval of Powered, Air-Purifying Respirators (PAPRs), Total Inward Leakage (TIL), the Quality Assurance (QA) module, and the Administrative module will be discussed.
7-Aug-06	Respirator Manufacturer's Meeting, October 11, 2006	Respirator certification topics will be addressed.
15-Jun-06	Revised "Cautions & Limitations" List for CBRN Air-Purifying Respirators (APR)	The March 14, 2003 list of "Cautions & Limitations for Use" did not include the necessary code letters that are to be used.
17-Mar-06	Meaning of NIOSH Approval	A NIOSH approval applies only to the specific respirator that is made up of the components included on the NIOSH approval label.
16-Mar-06	National Institute for Occupation Safety and Health Announcement of a Public Meeting to be held on April 27, 2006, to Discuss Expediting the Respirator Certification Process, Isoamyl Acetate (IAA) Testing, N95 Filtering Facepiece Priority, CBRN NFPA 1981 Standard, and Changes to Post-Certification Audit Selection	Some topics to be addressed include user fit-test instructions, speeding up the respirator certification process, isoamyl acetate (IAA) testing, equipment malfunctions, N95 filtering facepiece priority, and CBRN NFPA 1981 Standard and changes to post-certification audit selection.

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16-Mar-06	Revised fees for CBRN respirator approvals, effective April 1, 2006	As a result of the most recent analysis, the fees for testing respirators providing protection against chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear agents have been revised.
9-Jan-06	Clarification of use of manufacturer's pretest data	NPPTL staff replied that pretest data could not be used as a substitute for certification testing. NPPTL is not aware of any lack of reliability of manufacturers' pretest data in general.
15-Nov-05	The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), will hold a meeting for all respirator manufacturers on December 12, 2005 at the NIOSH site in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.	The morning session will address replacement rates, and alternatives to the silica dust tests for powered, air-purifying respirators (PAPRs), labeling for filtering facepiece respirators, and other topics.
15-Nov-05	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Public Meeting to be held on December 13, 2005, to Continue Discussions of Concepts for Standards for Approval of Respirators for Use Against Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Agents (CBRN) and Concepts for Standards for a Multi-Function Powered, Air-Purifying Respirator (PAPR)	The meeting will address concepts for standards for CBRN Closed-Circuit, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), CBRN Powered, Air-Purifying Respirator, and a Multi-Function PAPR.
<b>FY 2006</b>	<b># Issued = 10</b>	
29-Aug-05	Revocation of Cylinder Exemption DOT-E-12695	Accordingly, any respirator incorporating a cylinder manufactured under DOT-E-12695 can no longer maintain NIOSH approval.
26-Aug-05	Revised Standard Application Procedures for the Certification of Respirators	Effective July 14, 2005, NIOSH will require that each applicant who requests NIOSH certification comply with the requirements set forth in the July 2005 version of the SAP. To accommodate manufacturers who may have requests for approval underway, NIOSH will allow a six month grace period, until January 1 2006, to identify all User's Instructions on the relevant assembly matrix.
23-Jun-05	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Announcement of a Public Meeting to be held on July 19-20, 2005, to Continue Discussions of Concepts for Standards for Approval of Respirators for Use Against Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Agents (CBRN) and Guidelines for Their Use; and Concepts for Standards for a Multi-Function Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR)	NIOSH will also introduce concepts for establishing multi-function PAPR requirements and guidelines for use of NIOSH-approved CBRN respirators.
20-May-05	Respirator Branch, is announcing a meeting for all respirator manufacturers to be held on July 21, 2005	Topics to be addressed include discussion of the Standard Application Procedures (SAP) comments, moving forward to implement the release of the procedures, new NPPTL and Respirator Branch organizational structures, and follow-up on replacement documents.
18-May-05	Air-Purifying Fit Test Subject Selection	Over the years, several issues with test subject selection during testing have emerged and been interpreted differently. Therefore, the fit test policy for air-purifying respirators is being revised to clarify the requirements for this test.

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22-Apr-05	Unique Part Numbers; Abbreviated Labeling Options for Cartridges and Filters	In an effort to meet the needs of the manufacturers while still maintaining the concept of only one part number for field identification and traceability, NIOSH is offering options for replaceable cartridges and filters.
7-Apr-05	Clarification of Supplier and Subcontractor Relationships	A growing number of approval holders wish to ship NIOSH-approved respirators directly from a subcontractor to distribution centers or customers, and replacement parts directly to a repair center. The Institute has identified two possible approval holder relationships with suppliers and subcontractors. Listed below are the responsibilities and requirements NIOSH has established for these relationships.
11-Mar-05	Respirator Branch, is announcing a meeting for all respirator manufacturers to be held on April 13, 2005	Topics to be addressed include discussion of the Standard Application Procedures (SAP) comments, moving forward to implement the release of the procedures, new NPPTL and Respirator Branch organizational structures, and follow-up on replacement documents.
10-Mar-05	April 1, 2005 revised fees for CBRN respirator approvals and Federal Tax ID Number - Employee Identification Number (EIN) listing on all payment checks	New fees for CBRN approvals are being implemented effective April 1, 2005 and will be applied to all applications received on or after that date. All applications received before April 1, 2005 will be billed at the 2004 rates.
16-Nov-04	Respirator Branch, is announcing a meeting for all respirator manufacturers to be held on December 14, 2004	Topics to be addressed include new NPPTL and Respirator Branch organizational structures, availability of revised Standard Application Procedures for comment, and concepts for Respirator Branch process and procedure changes.
12-Nov-04	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Announcement of a Public Meeting to be held on December 15, 2004	The purpose of the meeting is to continue discussions of conceptual standards and testing processes for PAPR standards suitable for respiratory protection against CBRN agents. NIOSH also wishes to introduce conceptual requirements for Closed Circuit, Self Contained Breathing Apparatus suitable for respiratory protection against CBRN agents
<b>FY 2005</b>	<b># Issued = 11</b>	
14-Jul-04	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Announcement of a Public Meeting to be held on August 25, 2004	The purpose of the meeting is to begin initial discussions for concepts of total inward leakage (TIL) requirements and test methods for halfmask respirators including elastomeric and filtering facepiece styles.
26-Mar-04	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Announcement of a Public Meeting to be held on May 4, 2004	The purpose of the meeting is to continue discussions of conceptual standards and testing processes for powered air-purifying respirator (PAPR) standards suitable for respiratory protection against CBRN agents.

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8-Oct-03	Voluntary Program for Acceptance of Applications for the Testing and Evaluation of Air-Purifying Escape Respirators and Self-Contained Escape Respirators for Use Against Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Agents	It is imperative that the general working population be afforded effective respiratory protection in escaping from terrorist events involving possible chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) agents.
<b>FY 2004</b>	<b># Issued = 3</b>	
24-Sep-03	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Announcement of Two Public Meetings to be held on October 16, 2003	CBRN Public Meeting and the Quality Assurance Standards Module Meeting
6-Jun-03	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Announcement of a Respirator Certification Process Workshop to be held on June 26, 2003	The intent of the workshop is to discuss the respirator certification process and to explore ideas and concepts for improving the process
4-Jun-03	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Announcement of a Public Meeting to be held on June 25, 2003	The purpose of the meeting is to continue conceptual discussions of concepts being considered for CBRN Escape Respirator standards and to provide an update on the development of the Quality Assurance/Administrative module.
10-Apr-03	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Announcement of a Public Meeting to be held on April 29, 2003	The purpose of the meeting is to continue conceptual discussions of concepts being considered for CBRN Escape Respirator standards and review research efforts to identify simulant materials for use as CBRN test surrogates for respirator research and development efforts.
4-Apr-03	Voluntary Program for Acceptance of Applications for the Testing and Evaluation of Full-Facepiece Air Purifying Respirators (APR) for Use Against Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Agents	Due to ongoing concern of a potential terrorist event and the need to provide the emergency responder community with the best available respiratory protection as quickly as possible
12-Mar-03	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Announcement of a Public Meeting to be held on April 10, 2003	The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for an exchange of information between the Agency and respirator manufacturers, industry representatives, labor representatives, and others with an interest in respiratory protection.
11-Mar-03	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Announcement of Public Meetings to be held on April 10, 2003, and April 24, 2003	NIOSH, in consultation with the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), is in the process of developing a proposed rule on the performance and reliability requirements of close-circuit self-contained escape breathing apparatus.
11-Mar-03	NIOSH/NPPTL CBRN Respirator Research and Development (R&D) Test Program	The purpose of this letter is to introduce a new CBRN Respirator Research and Development Test Program.
11-Mar-03	Upgrade of Previously-Deployed SCBA Configurations to CBRN Approval Status	This letter is to inform manufacturers that NIOSH will immediately begin accepting extension of approval applications for the evaluation of components and procedures to upgrade previously-deployed (field-deployed) NIOSH-approved Self Contained Breathing Apparatus to CBRN-approved configurations.
<b>FY 2003</b>	<b># Issued = 9</b>	

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23-Sep-02	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Announcement of a Public Meeting on October 16 & 17, 2002	The purpose of the meeting is to present concepts for discussing appropriate standards and testing processes for full-facepiece air-purifying respirators suitable for use by first responders against CBRN Agents; concepts and priorities for the development and implementation of standards for other classes of respirators
10-Jul-02	Relocation of NIOSH's Respirator Branch to the National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory (NPPTL)	The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is announcing the relocation of the Respirator Branch to the National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory (NPPTL) in Bruceton, Pennsylvania, near Pittsburgh.
24-May-02	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Announcement of a Public Meeting on June 18-19, 2002	National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) is planning to conduct a public stakeholder meeting on June 18-19, 2002, to present concepts for discussing appropriate standards and testing processes for full-facepiece air-purifying respirators suitable for use by first responders against CBRN Agents
28-Dec-01	Acceptance of Applications for the Testing and Evaluation of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for Use Against Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Agents	This letter informs applicants of additional requirements that an SCBA must meet for NIOSH approval and provides the procedures for submitting applications to participate in this voluntary program.
<b>FY 2002</b>	<b># Issued = 4</b>	
<b>FY 2001</b>	<b># Issued = 0</b>	